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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Takehiko SHIGEFUJI et al.

Group Art Unit : 3724

Appl. No : 09/680,293 ✓

Examiner: Kim Tran

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For : PUNCHING TOOL PROVIDED WITH TOOL IDENTIFICATION  
MEDIUM AND PUNCH PRESS PROVIDED WITH A TOOL  
IDENTIFICATION MEDIUM READER

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 3, 2001, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 4, 2002 (March 3, 2002 falling on a Sunday), and which has been extended by the enclosed Request for a one-month Extension of Time to expire on April 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application, in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

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